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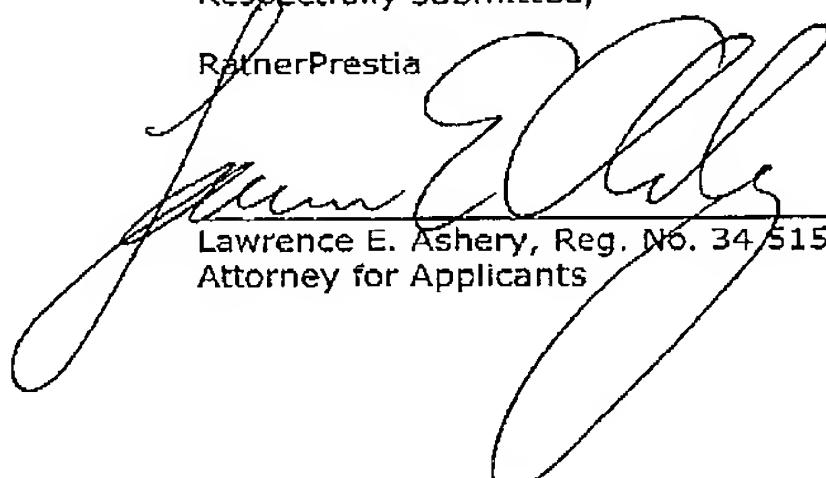
Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-4, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wellbourn, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,656,507). Claims 5-9 and 12-16, however, were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, claims 3 and 4 have been added into claim 5. Also, claims 3 and 4 have been added into claim 8. Claims 10 and 11 have been added into claim 12. Also, claims 10 and 11 have been added into claim 14. Claims 1-4, 10 and 11 have been cancelled. Claims 17 and 18 which are dependent claims have been added and are supported by the originally filed application at page 7, lines 2 and 3.

Allowance of the above identified application is respectfully requested.

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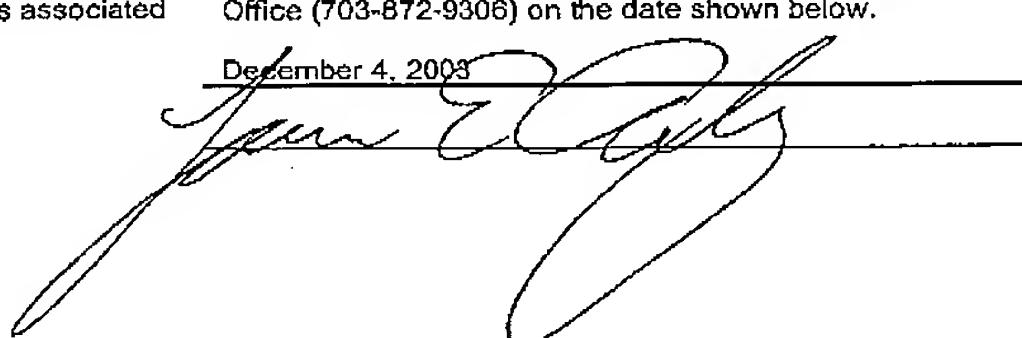
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